

## TARANAKI.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

*Receipts.*

	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 31st December, 1895	...	...	983 17 11
Rents of reserves	1,709 3 11	331 12 4	2,040 16 3
Transfer fees	5 0 0	0 10 0	5 10 0
Interest on deposits	5 0 0	7 19 2	12 19 2
Total receipts	...	...	3,043 3 4

*Expenditure.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Officer's salary	45 6 3	15 2 1	60 8 4
Ranger's salary	60 17 0	18 15 0	79 12 0
Commission	20 19 8	5 9 4	26 9 0
Stationery, &c.	3 8 6	...	3 8 6
Rates	1 10 10	...	1 10 10
Law charges	28 4 3	9 8 1	37 12 4
Expenses of leasing	38 8 2	...	38 8 2
Expenses of reserves	27 4 0	...	27 4 0
Travelling-expenses of members	3 7 0	1 0 6	4 7 6
Taranaki Education Board	682 15 5	...	682 15 5
Wanganui Education Board	417 4 7	...	417 4 7
New Plymouth High School Board	...	248 6 8	248 6 8
Wanganui High School Board	...	151 13 4	151 13 4
Purchase of school site	...	...	40 4 6
Balance on 31st December, 1896—Bank, £828 6s. 9d.; Savings-bank, £71 13s. 5d.; fixed deposits, £323 18s.	...	...	1,223 18 2
Total expenditure	...	...	3,043 3 4

*Statement of Assets and Liabilities.*

Assets.	£ s. d.	Liabilities.	£ s. d.
To Balance on Current Account	828 6 9	By Land Fund	395 11 5
Savings-bank	71 13 5	Balance of assets	2,183 18 8
Fixed deposits	323 18 0		
Rents due and in arrear	1,346 1 7		
Interest accrued to 31st December, 1896	9 10 4		
	<u>£2,579 10 1</u>		<u>£2,579 10 1</u>

R. PARRIS, Chairman.

E. VEALE, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.—J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

## WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Wellington, 1st February, 1897.

I have the honour to forward herewith the eighteenth annual report and balance-sheet of the School Commissioners for the Wellington Provincial District for the year ended the 31st December, 1896. The Commissioners consist of Mr. J. R. Blair, Chairman, and Messrs. John Duthie, A. W. Hogg, M.H.R., F. Pirani, M.H.R., and J. W. A. Marchant, Commissioner of Lands.

A number of leases were offered by auction in June at considerably reduced rentals. Twenty of these were taken up at the sale, and one shortly afterwards, comprising sixteen town and suburban and five rural sections, so that a total of twenty-one sections, containing an area of 805 acre 1 rood 39 perches, were let to sixteen tenants, at an annual rental of £109 1s. 7d.